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SUBJ: KHMER IN 29TH UNGA: CHHUT CHHOEUR CALL ON AMB SCHAUFEL
SEPT 16

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1. KHMER PERMREP CHHUT CHHOEUR CALLED ON AMB SCHAUFEL SEPT 16 TO DISCUSS KHMER REPRESENTATION. HE DESCRIBED ASIAN WORKING GROUP (AWG) EFFORTS REPORTED REFTELS, AND ADDED THAT AWG AMBS WILL CONVENE SEPT 18 TO CONSIDER NEW STAFF LEVEL EFFORTS.

2. CHHUT REPORTED THAT REPS OF BOTH MALAYSIA AND LAOS HAVE BEEN TOLD BY PRC MISSION THAT CHINA WANTS AN EARLY DECISION ON KHMER QUESTION, I.E. SOON AFTER GENERAL DEBATE ENDS.

3. CHHUT SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY AMBS SANI (INDONESIA) AND ANAND (THAILAND) TO FIND OUT ABOUT US-PRC RELATIONS ON THE KHMER QUESTION. THEY HAD HEARD OF US APPROACH PRC ON KOREA QUESTION LAST YEAR, BUT THAT REASON US STILL HAD NOT APPROACHED PRC ON KHMER QUESTION WAS THAT IT HAD NO RESOLUTION FROM AWG AND DID NOT WISH TO GO BAREHANDED. SANI AND ANAND HAD WONDERED WHAT US NEEDED TO GO TO THE CHINESE.

4. AMB SCHAUFEL SAID THAT CHHUT AND AWG SHOULD HAVE NO DOUBT OF US POSITION, WHICH STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF GKR AND

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SAID WE RECENTLY HAD REITERATED THIS TO MANY GOVTS. HE

THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT AWG LEADERSHIP WAS STILL BEST APPROACH
TO KHMER REPRESENTATION PROBLEM. HE SAID CHINESE APPEAR TO
BE FIRM ON THIS QUESTION, BUT PROMISED TO REPORT CHHUT'S
INQUIRY TO WASHINGTON. IN MEANWHILE, CHHUT COULD REASSURE
AWG THAT USG FIRMLY SUPPORTS GKR, AND IN FACT HAD PROPOSED
TO JAPANESE SEPT 14 THAT, IF AWG AGREES, WE WOULD LIKE TO
REINSTITUTE LAST YEAR'S JAPAN/KHMER/US PLANNING TEAM FUNCTIONING
PARALLEL WITH AWG AS LAST YEAR.
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